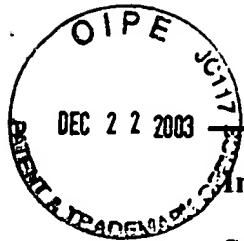


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 17) dated December 3, 2002. A separate petition for a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: